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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
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Dear Ms. Johnson:

Pursuant to our telephone conversation of July 26, 2002, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment for the above-referenced application is respectfully requested. This request is supported by the information stated below and the enclosed material.

A Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified application was recently received stating that the applicant failed to respond by the August 1, 2001, response deadline to the Notification of Missing Requirements mailed on June 1, 2001. However, the required Response to Missing Requirements was, in fact, filed by the applicant on July 31, 2001, before the response deadline expired. The USPTO received the applicant's Response to Missing Requirements, as evidenced by a stamped return postcard. Subsequently, the Response to Missing Requirements was apparently lost in the USPTO. Therefore, because the applicant did file the Response to Missing Requirements within the response deadline, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified application is requested.

A copy of (1) the previously submitted Response to Missing Requirements and (2) the stamped return postcard indicating receipt at OIPE on August 2 are attached, and the proper filing of the response is also requested.

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Most sincerely,

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